



FISCAL YEAR 2011 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

As submitted to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies on April 2, 2010:

Department of Commerce (grants)

International Trade Administration (ITA):

Recipient: Philadelphia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Services

Location: Philadelphia, PA

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Philadelphia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Services for its Small Business Latin America Trade and Education program. This initiative promotes export activities, identifies sourcing channels for member organizations, and creates networking and sales opportunities for minority owned small and mid-sized businesses. Funding will be used to support trade missions and training seminars to help Latino businesses prepare to trade and enter into partnerships with Latin American companies. This is a good use of taxpayer money because it provides new revenue streams for the local economies and creates new markets for domestically produced goods.

Recipient: Philadelphia University

Location: Philadelphia, PA

Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Philadelphia University for their Biomedical Textile Structures Laboratory. Funds will be used for staff, materials, and technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment. This initiative will help support research work that will combine nanofiber technology with advanced textile manufacturing technologies. The research holds promise in creating new regenerated organ structures for cardiac repair, and will provide technologies that can ultimately enhance the competitiveness of the U.S. in the advanced textile materials industry. The university has unique expertise and capabilities to combine nanofiber technologies with advance woven structures.

Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA):

Recipient: Temple University

Location: Philadelphia, PA

Amount Requested: \$4,000,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Temple University for its Urban Innovation and Entrepreneurship Pilot Project. The project will engage community groups to identify and work with minority entrepreneurs from North Philadelphia, one of the most economically challenged areas in Pennsylvania. Funding will be used to support a business incubator that will provide technical assistance and develop a regional database and mentoring program to connect entrepreneurs with local think tanks, research centers, and venture capitalists. Investment in this project is a good use of taxpayer money because it will provide assistance to minority small business entrepreneurs and microenterprises in inner-city communities and create jobs in economically depressed areas.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA):

Recipient: Delaware River Basin Commission

Location: West Trenton, NJ

Amount Requested: \$250,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Delaware River Basin Commission for an enhanced flood warning system. Funds will be used for continued enhancements to the system, including: 1) a storm surge inundation and flooding forecast system for the tidal Delaware River and Delaware Bay, 2) upgrades to the existing stream gage network, 3) flood warning education and outreach, and 4) support of flood coordination. These enhancements will help improve the timeliness and accuracy of the flood forecasts and warnings in the basin, which is critical to minimizing the loss of life and property during flood events.

Department of Commerce (programs)

Economic Development Administration:

Economic Development Administration: I urge the Subcommittee to provide sufficient funding for the Economic Development Administration (EDA) in fiscal year 2011. I have long been a supporter of the EDA, which provides grants to local governments and nonprofit agencies for public works, planning, and other projects designed to facilitate economic development. Additionally, I support the Administration's fiscal year 2011 proposal seeking \$75 million toward planning and matching grants within EDA to support the creation of Regional Innovation Clusters that leverage regions' competitive strengths to boost job creation and economic growth.

Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms: I urge the Subcommittee to provide the authorized level of \$50 million for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) programs for Firms in fiscal year 2011. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 reauthorized TAA for Firms and made significant improvements to the program. TAA for Firms has assisted hundreds of manufacturing companies which have experienced a loss of jobs and sales due to foreign imports. Though the program is modest, its return on taxpayer investment is substantial; every dollar invested in TAA for Firms returns \$6.48 in annual federal and state taxes.

Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA):

Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA): I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$50 million for MBDA in fiscal year 2011. The MBDA promotes the ability of Minority Business Enterprise Centers (MBECs) to grow and expand minority owned businesses and achieve entrepreneurial parity for minority business enterprises. The technical assistance and access to contract opportunities provided by MBECs to minority owned businesses is invaluable to promoting economic development and creating jobs in urban neighborhoods. Increased funding is necessary to cover the expanding needs of the minority business community.

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST):

Manufacturing Extension Partnership program: I urge the Subcommittee to provide the Administration's fiscal year 2011 request of \$129.7 million for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program. The MEP strengthens small and medium-sized manufacturing firms nationwide by helping boost productivity, sales, investment in modernization, and employment. Requested funding is necessary to ensure the sustainability of our nation's domestic small manufacturing industry and its high-quality jobs. MEP centers are located in all 50 States and Puerto Rico. Pennsylvania's 16,000 small manufacturers are served by seven resource centers.

U.S. Patent and Trade Office:

United States Patent and Trademark Office: I urge the Subcommittee to provide adequate funding for the United States Patent and Trademark Office, which will be offset by collections assessed and collected. This funding will provide critical resources to the office, which is currently facing an overwhelming backlog of patent applications. Additionally, I oppose any proposal to divert fees collected from the United States Patent and Trademark Office to other governmental bodies, should one be put forth.

Intellectual Property Enforcement Fund: There is a critical need for the federal government to take a leading role in protecting intellectual property rights to prevent losses due to piracy and mitigate health and safety risks from trade in counterfeit goods. Accordingly, I urge the Subcommittee to fully fund any initiatives aimed at fighting intellectual property theft.

Department of Justice (grants)

Edward Byrne Discretionary Grants:

Recipient: A Child Is Missing, Inc.

Location: 500 SE 17th St., #101, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316

Amount Requested: \$300,000

Project Description: Funding will be used to support the Pennsylvania operations of A Child Is Missing, Inc., (ACIM) a not-for-profit organization which uses communications technology to assist law enforcement agencies around the country during the first few hours in which a child or an elderly adult is reported missing. Currently, ACIM is affiliated with 89 law enforcement agencies in Pennsylvania and has assisted them with over 150 missing children/elderly cases. The requested funding would be used to expand ACIM's assistance to additional law enforcement agencies in Pennsylvania.

Recipient: Allegheny County Department of Emergency Services

Location: 400 North Lexington Street, Suite 200, Pittsburgh, PA 15208

Amount Requested: \$1,500,000

Project Description: The Allegheny County Department of Emergency Services has grown with the purchase of numerous vehicles and equipment necessary for operations, emergency management and hazardous materials and emergency response. The current garage facility cannot accommodate the vehicles and equipment and as such, a number of apparatus, trailers, and equipment are stored outside. Funding will be used to build a pre-engineered steel building structure with six bays, three of which would be capable of accommodating two vehicles each, for a total of nine vehicles. The station would also house the County Mobile Command Center, County Hazardous Materials Response Truck, Police Special Response Unit, and several other special vehicles and trailers.

Recipient: Berks County Criminal Justice Advisory Board

Location: 633 Court St., Reading, PA 19601

Amount Requested: \$319,709

Project Description: The mission of the Berks Community Reentry Center is to lower crime and recidivism through the expansion of Treatment Courts and comprehensive data collection and analysis. The requested funding will be used to expand programming with new resources related to employment and family reunification, including 56 additional beds; to expand the Treatment Courts program to include up to 75 new pre-sentence phase participants; and to develop ongoing data collection and outcomes measures protocols on an ongoing basis. Specifically, \$219,702 will go to Treatment Courts expansion and \$100,000 for the Community Reentry Center.

Recipient: Children's Advocacy Center of Erie County, Inc.

Location: 2005 West 8th Street Suite 103, Erie, PA 16505

Amount Requested: \$70,000

Project Description: One of the missions of the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) of Erie County is to provide crisis intervention and ongoing support to children who are victims of abuse and their non-offending family members. However, current staffing limitations require that the majority of these services are outsourced to other agencies. The requested funding will provide a staff member and materials to initiate a family advocacy program to provide crisis intervention and ongoing services to victims of child abuse and their non-offending family members in Erie County, Pennsylvania. CAC intends to allocate \$49,925 for salary and benefit costs, \$6,575 for training and related expenses, and \$13,500 for program operation.

Recipient: Computer Forensics Analysis and Training Center

Location: 1600 Calcon Hook Road, Bldg. #14, Sharon Hill, PA 19079

Amount Requested: \$866,000

Project Description: The Computer Forensics and Analysis Training Center is a nonprofit corporation which is assembling a team of expert forensic investigators and constructing a forensics “clean room” and classroom facility at its current site on the grounds of the Delaware County Emergency Services Training Center. This training facility will provide research, assessment, training, and job placement to meet the high demand for computer forensics investigators in today’s digital workforce. Funding will help create 17 new positions immediately, which will allow the organization to plan, build, manage, and maintain the training facility.

Recipient: Delaware County Community College

Location: 901 South Media Line, Media, Pennsylvania 19063

Amount Requested: \$315,650

Project Description: The Delaware County Community College’s (DCCC) Institute for Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness engages first responders throughout Delaware and Chester Counties to participate jointly in emergency management, incident management, firefighter safety, security management seminars, and realistic training exercises. Funds will be used primarily for developing and delivering training programs for first responders (police officers, firefighters, medical and emergency service personnel) and the community. These training programs will result in the first responder community in this region being prepared to work in a coordinated manner to save lives and to keep members of the public safe from harm in the event of a terrorist attack, severe weather event or other crisis situation.

Recipient: Employment Opportunity & Training Center of NEPA

Location: 116 N. Washington Ave., Suite 3-D, Scranton, PA 18503

Amount Requested: \$750,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding to the Employment Opportunity & Training Center (EOTC) of Northeastern Pennsylvania to help create their new Seventh Avenue Family Center, which, when completed, will better accommodate essential community programs. Funding will be used for the renovation of a vacant building in Scranton, PA, purchased by EOTC to create a service center for youth and adults who are at highest risk for violence, crime and poverty. The multi-agency Seventh Avenue Center will significantly increase the effectiveness of community transitional services, including re-entry programming for an estimated 1,000 offenders annually.

Recipient: Philadelphia District Attorney's Office

Location: 3 South Penn Square, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Amount Requested: \$495,000

Project Description: Funding will be used to establish the District Attorney’s Response Team (DART), a proactive unit that will provide outreach, education, and resources to victims and witnesses of crime in all communities throughout Philadelphia. The DART unit, consisting of victim-witness advocates and a retired detective, will attend community events and educate community members about their legal rights as victims or witnesses, the criminal justice process, and crime prevention techniques. Specifically, funding will be used for personnel, transportation, written materials and other associated necessities.

Recipient: Potter County

Location: P.O. Box 241, 62 North Street, Roulette, PA 16746

Amount Requested: \$101,227

Project Description: I urge the subcommittee to provide funding for the Potter County Community Reentry Project. Funding will be used to implement a collaborative criminal justice, social services, job training, health, and life skills community reentry program that will serve Potter County Jail inmates and family members during the inmate's incarceration and for 6 months after release from jail. Funding will be used for program staffing, training, supplies, program and an independent evaluation of the program.

Recipient: THE PROGRAM for Offenders, Inc.

Location: 100 North Braddock Avenue, Suite 201, Pittsburgh, PA 15208

Amount Requested: \$300,000

Project Description: THE PROGRAM for Offenders (TPFO) is a non-profit organization that provides residential alternatives to incarceration and drug and alcohol treatment to male and female non-violent offenders in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. TPFO offers a wide range of support services to the offender, as well as to his/her children and families. Funding will be used to expand and enhance supportive services provided to non-violent offenders, as well as their children, in order to increase self-sufficiency, reduce involvement in the criminal justice system, and deter intergenerational crime.

Recipient: Ready, Willing and Able

Location: 1211 Bainbridge Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147

Amount Requested: \$489,981

Project Description: This funding will support Ready, Willing and Able's paid transitional employment program for formerly incarcerated individuals. This program puts ex-offenders to work in the community, cleaning parks, commercial corridors, and vacant lots. Participants also receive the intensive case management, vocational training, drug testing services, and comprehensive educational and social services that formerly incarcerated individuals need to become contributing members of society and permanently close the revolving door of incarceration. Funding will be used to support 45 full-time transitional jobs, necessary training, educational and social services, and site supervision and mentoring.

Recipient: Saint Joseph's University

Location: 5600 City Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19131

Amount Requested: \$750,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Saint Joseph's University's Institute for Violence Research and Prevention (IVRP). IVRP works in conjunction with the City of Philadelphia, its elected officials, and community leaders to develop research and knowledge about effective violence prevention programs in school and community settings.

Recipient: Thiel College

Location: 75 College Ave., Greenville, PA 16125

Amount Requested: \$500,000

Project Description: Funding will be used to establish the Thiel College Cyber Crime Center, which is designed to assist local and regional law enforcement agencies in support of the

identification and response to criminal activities related to cyber crimes against businesses and individuals in Pennsylvania. The Center will utilize advanced computer science and criminal justice students, working in conjunction with partners drawn from regional law enforcement, federal agencies and appropriate service providers.

Recipient: Westmoreland County Community College

Location: 145 Pavilion Lane, Youngwood, PA, 15697

Amount Requested: \$1,980,000

Project Description: Westmoreland County Community College's (WCCC) Public Safety Training Center is designed to serve as a training ground for regional emergency services personnel including homeland defense, military, firefighters, police officers, SWAT teams, and other emergency service workers. The current facility features a six-story tower for law enforcement and firefighter training that simulates a variety of industrial, commercial, and mercantile occupancies and provide training opportunities for tactical building searches, active shooter, SWAT, building insertion and urban search and rescue. Funding is requested to expand the current 4,500 square foot training facility to a total of 13,500 square feet.

Recipient: Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh

Location: P.O. Box 9024, Pittsburgh, PA 15224

Amount Requested: \$200,000

Project Description: The Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh (the Center) provide services to victims of domestic violence. The Center has also cultivated programs for children who come to live with their mothers, such as counseling programs, summer camps, and safe space initiatives within the shelter. Funding is requested to support and expand the child counseling programs, continue daycare services for victims of domestic violence in Allegheny County, and resurface the playground at the Center.

Recipient: York County

Location: 45 N. George St., York, PA 17401

Amount Requested: \$58,750

Project Description: Federal funds would be used to purchase and install redaction software within the Clerk of Courts' imaging application to redact driver license and Social Security numbers contained in public criminal records. Approximately 2 million images contain personal identifiers that would be automatically masked by the redaction software eliminating sensitive information from the view of public users. The U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania recently recommended that confidential information be redacted from any documents provided to the public. However, the office in York County does not have the staff or resources to manually redact such identifiers from criminal records prior to public review and therefore, they request this funding in order to adopt the recommendations of the U.S. Attorney's office.

Recipient: Young Women's Christian Association of North Central Pennsylvania

Location: 815 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

Amount Requested: \$150,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Young Women's Christian Association of North Central Pennsylvania to partner with the Court Appointed Special

Advocates (CASA) of Lycoming County program. This program will specially train citizens from the community to advocate on behalf of abused and neglected children in the court system. Research shows that children who have been assigned CASA volunteers spend less time in court and less time within the foster care system than those who do not have CASA representation. Judges have observed that CASA children also have a better chance of finding permanent homes than non-CASA children.

Juvenile Justice Discretionary Grants:

Recipient: City Year, Inc.

Location: 2221 Chestnut Street, 2nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Amount Requested: \$700,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding to City Year, Inc. for mentoring, coaching and other youth activities in the greater Philadelphia region. Through near-peer mentoring, after-school academic support and out-of school community and parental engagement programming, City Year will address the early indicators of delinquent behavior that may result in a youth dropping out of school before graduating including school truancy, in-school negative behavior, and poor academic performance. This funding will allow City Year Greater Philadelphia to build the infrastructure and staffing capacities necessary to support expansion plans to reach 50% of the youth in the School District of Philadelphia who are identified as being at-risk to dropout with targeted services.

Recipient: Dauphin County

Location: 230 State Street, Harrisburg PA 17101

Amount Requested: \$500,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding to Dauphin County for the continued expansion of a Family Group Conferencing project designed to assist troubled juveniles. The program brings in the most knowledgeable support groups in a youth's life, including extended family and friends, who will help promote community well-being and long-term planning. Funds will also be used to expand the program to other school sites and develop community partnerships.

Recipient: KidsVoice

Location: Frick Building, 437 Grant Street, Suite 700, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Amount Requested: \$500,000

Project Description: KidsVoice is the sole provider of child advocacy services involved in the child welfare system for Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Each year, KidsVoice represents more than 4,000 abused, neglected, and at-risk children, many of whom are also inflicted with significant physical and mental disabilities. I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for KidsVoice to maintain its advocacy for abused and neglected children in juvenile court, expand

advocacy to the social security, medical and educational arenas and assist foster youth to pursue post-secondary education, job training, and employment.

Recipient: Mission Kids Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County

Location: P.O. Box 413, Blue Bell, PA 19422

Amount Requested: \$62,840

Project Description: Mission Kids Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County provides a center for investigation of child abuse cases, in which child abuse victims are interviewed once by a specially trained forensic interviewer while representatives of the District Attorney's office, law enforcement, and social services observe, but do not participate in, the interview as it takes place. This format reduces the number of interviews a child victim must undergo. Funding is requested to support the forensic child interviewers needed to staff the Center.

Recipient: National Character Education Foundation

Location: 314 South Main Street Zelienople, PA 16063

Amount Requested: \$250,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding to the National Character Education Foundation for the Students for Good Character program. The requested funds will be used to provide positive character building programs to at-risk youth located in Pennsylvania. The project is designed to help an estimated 35,000 at-risk youth overcome many of their modern day challenges including: under-aged alcohol use, illegal drug use, teen dating abuse, bullying, gang participation, truancy, low performing academics, and school dropouts. The funding request will be used to provide the student/staff curriculum material, peer-to-peer mentoring/leadership training, motivational school assemblies, teacher training, parental symposiums, program data research, and partial staff salaries.

Recipient: National Council for Juvenile & Family Court Judges

Location: 101 Constitution Avenue NW, Suite L110, Washington, D.C. 20001

Amount Requested: \$3,000,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding to the National Council for Juvenile & Family Court Judges for the continued development of the NCJFCJ Judicial Training, Research and Technical Assistance Project, which provides state-of-the-art information, training, and research to judges and other juvenile justice professionals in order to improve decision-making and resources to better serve the needs of children and families, while ensuring accountability from them and the systems who serve them. This funding supports national programs that strive to improve system effectiveness and judicial decision-making for children and their families in cases involving juvenile delinquency.

Recipient: Philadelphia Martin Luther King, Jr. Association

Location: 5398 Wynnefield Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131

Amount Requested: \$250,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Philadelphia Martin Luther King, Jr. Association's College for Teens Program. The College for Teens program seeks to address numerous problems impacting youth and contributing to the student achievement gap, including escalating teen crime and violence in and out of school, teen parenting, HIV infection, and increased drop-out rates among public school students. The pre-college program represents

a comprehensive youth development program that has been used as a national model for extended-day/extended-year programs to strengthen “at-risk” public school students, their families, and the surrounding communities.

Recipient: City of Philadelphia

Location: 204 City Hall Philadelphia, PA 19107

Amount Requested: \$1,500,000

Project Description: Funding will be used to reduce youth homicides in Philadelphia through the continued implementation and possible expansion of the Youth Violence Reduction Partnership program in high-crime areas of Philadelphia. The majority of the funding will be for personnel costs directly related to the delivery of program services.

COPS Interoperable Law Enforcement Technology Grants:

Recipient: Allegheny County

Location: 400 N. Lexington Street Pittsburgh PA 15208

Amount Requested: \$1,500,000

Project Description: Allegheny County's 131 municipalities have 119 police departments, but only the City of Pittsburgh has a Crime Scene Unit for processing scenes. The Allegheny County Crime Lab processes major crimes, but currently there is no capacity to serve the other police agencies in the region for all other crimes. This funding is requested to establish a Mobile Crime Scene Unit to work out of the Allegheny County Police Department. This Unit will be available at all times to respond to all crime scenes in any of the 131 municipalities within Allegheny County to ensure proper evidence processing in all jurisdictions.

Recipient: City of Allentown

Location: 435 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101

Amount Requested: \$400,000

Project Description: Allentown has embarked on an aggressive campaign to install security cameras in the City. Cameras will be installed in downtown, in other neighborhoods, parks and school zones. They will also be used to protect critical infrastructure. The City is building a wireless camera infrastructure that will serve not only the cameras but also will be used to transmit safety data. Other applications such as acoustical gunshot location technology will be tied to the system. Funding is requested to purchase and install security surveillance cameras as part of this initiative.

Recipient: Armstrong County Public Safety Radio Network Digital Trunked Project

Location: 450 E. Market St., Suite 60, Kittanning, PA 16201

Amount Requested: \$1,900,000

Project Description: The Federal Communications Commission has mandated that by January 2013, Armstrong County's Public Safety Radio System must be compliant with narrow band requirements. If these regulations are not met, Armstrong County's public safety providers will be without voice communications. Funding is requested for an interoperable shared public safety voice and data communications network throughout Armstrong and surrounding counties, which will meet FCC requirements.

Recipient: City of Bethlehem

Location: 10 East Church Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018

Amount Requested: \$558,881

Project Description: This project is a joint operation between the Bethlehem Police Department and the campus police for local colleges including Lehigh University and Moravian College. These participating police departments and security personnel are pooling resources and collaborating on a project to install and monitor 25 outdoor wireless surveillance cameras throughout the City of Bethlehem. This includes sites in and around the various college campuses. Funding will be used for cameras and related equipment.

Recipient: Carlisle Borough

Location: 53 West South Street, Carlisle PA 17013

Amount Requested: \$800,000

Project Description: Funding will be used to acquire and install approximately 40 cameras in public areas and the associated infrastructure and monitoring equipment. The Borough of Carlisle is implementing a remote camera surveillance system in public areas to combat an increase in crime, and in particular, robberies and other crimes which pose a public safety threat. The use of such surveillance cameras has assisted police in deterring criminal behavior and apprehending suspects after a crime and the Borough is requesting funding for additional cameras as a way to increase police presence at a much lower cost than hiring more officers.

Recipient: Centre County

Location: 420 Holmes Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

Amount Requested: \$1,500,000

Project Description: Funding is requested to upgrade the emergency communications system for Centre County. The current communications technology is outdated and technical support is no longer available should any equipment malfunction. Additionally, local emergency management personnel would be unable to communicate with state or national emergency personnel, should they be called upon to respond to an event. Funding will be used to secure a P25 Digital Master Site Controller and Motorola Smart X interface devices, all of which are necessary to upgrade the current 9-1-1 system from analog to digital. The open infrastructure digital communication will permit regional cooperation and communication during emergencies.

Recipient: Clinton County

Location: 232 East Main Street Lock Haven, PA 17745

Amount Requested: \$1,190,000

Project Description: Funding will be used to purchase communications equipment to enable the Clinton County Department of Emergency Services 9-1-1 Center and Emergency Operations Center to better respond to emergencies. This project is based on a Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan completed in July of 2009 that evaluated the existing 911 Center/EOC facilities and equipment systems to determine the most needed improvements, upgrades and to develop a comprehensive, detailed long term plan for the future of these facilities and systems. Specifically, funding will be used to purchase the new 911 Phone System, Radio Consoles, Emergency Operations Equipment, IT Intrusion Prevention System and other related equipment.

Recipient: Cumberland County

Location: 1 Courthouse Square, Room 200, Carlisle, PA 17013

Amount Requested: \$250,000

Project Description: Funding will be used to purchase and install a new communications tower that will connect all radio and data systems for the Cumberland County 911 Communications Center and Emergency Operations Center. The tower will also provide the necessary interoperability with 33 municipalities, 37 fire departments, 19 EMS, 17 police departments and the PA Emergency Management Agency.

Recipient: Fayette County

Location: 61 East Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Project Description: The requested funding will be used to upgrade equipment for Fayette County's dispatching service from analog technology to digital technology as well as the acquisition and installation of new equipment. The new communications infrastructure, once in place, will improve communications and interoperability between the Fayette County 9-1-1 center and the 90 police, fire, and ambulance companies that receive dispatch services. These improvements will lead to better response times and better information exchange in the county, which features expansive rural areas and busy interstate highways, both of which pose unique challenges for emergency response personnel.

Recipient: Lackawanna County

Location: 200 Adams Avenue, 6th Floor, Scranton, PA 18503

Amount Requested: \$4,500,000

Project Description: Funding is requested to upgrade the entire public safety radio system in Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania. The public safety radio system will be upgraded by providing mobile communications devices to each public safety unit and ensuring total interoperability capacities with adjoining counties. Specifically, funding will be used for new mobile radios, laptop computers for mobile data, integration into 9-1-1 radio consoles and other associated equipment.

Recipient: County of Lehigh

Location: 17 South 7th Street, Allentown, PA 18101

Amount Requested: \$2,500,000

Project Description: Funding will be used for software and system maintenance services needed to help establish the Lehigh Valley Regional Crime Center (LVRCC) in Allentown, PA. The center would be a cross-jurisdictional effort involving 53 local law enforcement agencies in Lehigh and Berks Counties. The LVRCC would be a staffed center with a database that integrates local police data and provides extensive search, query, and analysis tools for local crime data. Funding is requested to acquire the tools and products necessary to manage the development and ongoing maintenance of a crime center environment.

Recipient: Lower Providence Township

Location: 100 Parklane Drive, Eagleville, PA 19403

Amount Requested: \$300,000

Project Description: The Lower Providence Township Police Department requests funding to acquire upgraded law enforcement technology tools to enhance crime prevention, improve police

surveillance and investigation, use data and information tools, increase officer efficiency, and foster multi-jurisdictional and interoperable communications.

Recipient: Lycoming County

Location: 48 W. Third St., Williamsport, PA 17701

Amount Requested: \$900,000

Project Description: The Department of Public Safety (the Department) for the County of Lycoming provides emergency services operations including the 9-1-1 communications center, the emergency management agency, regional emergency medical services, hazardous materials planning, and homeland security. The Department is also responsible for coordinating all emergency calls for fire, county police, and emergency medical services in both Lycoming County and Sullivan County to the east. In order to carry out these responsibilities, the Department depends on three communication towers, each of which are between 30-35 years of age and have reached the end of their useful life. Funding will be used for the replacements/substantial upgrade of three emergency communication towers.

Recipient: City of Philadelphia

Location: 1401 JFK Blvd., 10th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19102

Amount Requested: \$250,000

Project Description: Funding will be used to purchase and deploy 25 covert, mobile, solar-powered cameras in targeted neighborhoods throughout the City of Philadelphia. As the cameras are mobile and solar powered, they can be located and re-located throughout the city as circumstances warrant and depending on where crime is most prevalent. The city currently operates nine cameras in different neighborhoods and has used footage to make a number of arrests just few months ago. Additional cameras will result in greater coverage in key areas and will further hinder negative behavior to protect the health, safety, and well-being of Philadelphia citizens.

Recipient: City of Pittsburgh

Location: 414 Grant Street, Room 516, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

Project Description: The City of Pittsburgh's Department of Public Safety has identified 34 business district and neighborhood locations which require more than 84 cameras for coverage. The installation of these cameras would establish safe business districts across the City, encourage City neighborhood business development and assist in the investigation of incidents that occur. This request will support the deployment of camera systems in most of the identified business districts and neighborhoods in Pittsburgh. The funding will pay for the design, installation, maintenance and management of the equipment, network and software over five years.

Department of Justice (programs)

General Administration, Administrative Review and Appeals:

Executive Office for Immigration Review: I urge the Subcommittee to provide the Administration's request of \$316.44 million in fiscal year 2011 for the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), which is responsible for conducting immigration court proceedings, as well as executing aliens' claims in removal proceedings. While the caseloads of immigration judges have grown, the EOIR has not received a sufficient increase in its overall budget. In my home state of Pennsylvania, I have met with local prison officials and immigration authorities who have expressed the challenge of deporting criminal aliens which poses a serious public safety issue. Accordingly, as the EOIR is in critical need of the resources to expeditiously and appropriately execute removal proceedings, I support the Administration's proposal to increase funding by \$18.5 million over the fiscal year 2010 level for the EOIR.

Legal Activities:

Civil Rights Division: The Department of Justice plays a vital role in prompt enforcement of our civil rights. I support an increase in funding for the Civil Rights Division and an increased focus on the core mission of the Division to safeguard civil rights. The President has requested \$161.9 million for the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice. I support the Administration's request, as well as funding at the authorized level for the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act which was signed into law on October 7, 2007.

United States Attorneys: I urge the Subcommittee to support the Administration's request to increase funding in fiscal year 2011 for United States Attorneys by 5.5 percent, who serve as the principal litigators for the United States Government for criminal and civil matters. I also encourage the Subcommittee to continue its efforts to enhance gang prosecutions, healthcare fraud prosecutions, as well as cybercrime and intellectual property enforcement by providing increased resources for copyright prosecutions. The Subcommittee should provide \$2.041 billion for U.S. Attorneys in fiscal year 2011, which the Administration has requested and will allow for an increase of 102 positions, including 68 additional attorneys.

U.S. Marshals Service:

United States Marshals Service: I urge the Subcommittee to provide the Administration's request of \$1.207 billion in fiscal year 2011, an increase of 4.8 percent over fiscal year 2010, for the United States Marshals Service. The core mission of the United States Marshals Service includes the apprehension of fugitives, execution of warrants and court orders, and the custody and transportation of accused prisoners who have not been sentenced. Additionally, the United States Marshals Service is essential in providing for the safety of our Federal Judiciary and for carrying out the responsibilities of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-248). I urge the Subcommittee to fully fund any initiatives aimed at improving court and judicial security, as well as combating crimes against children.

Marshals Service's Regional Fugitive Task Forces: In my capacity as Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs, I held a field hearing in Philadelphia on January 19, 2010 to examine Philadelphia's fugitive problem. According to the most current Bureau of

Justice Statistics report, Philadelphia is tied with Newark, New Jersey as having the nation's highest fugitive felony rate at 11 percent. For the local court system in Philadelphia, there are reported to be 48,511 cases in fugitive states and 39,110 individual fugitives. These numbers do not include probation absconders which, if added, would make the total individual fugitive number 46,839. There are woefully insufficient local resources to address this serious problem which will not improve without substantial federal assistance. To that end, I received a letter from Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter expressing his support for the establishment of the Regional Fugitive Task Force in Philadelphia. Accordingly, I urge the Subcommittee to include the following language in the fiscal year 2011 Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Conference Report:

The conferees support the Marshals Service's Regional Fugitive Task Forces (RFTFs) and District Task Forces programs. The conferees direct the Marshals Service, within funds provided, to dedicate at least \$20,000,000 to the enhancement of existing task forces and the establishment of new taskforce capabilities in areas of the United States not currently served by regional or district task forces.

U.S. Marshals Service Construction (Lancaster Federal Courthouse): On September 16, 2008, the Judicial Conference approved the allocation of space for a federal courthouse in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. It is my understanding that the United States Marshals Service will require additional funding for the leasing of space and construction of holding cells and other United States Marshals Service space. Planning of the future Lancaster Federal Courthouse has advanced, as evidenced by the General Services Administration requesting on March 4, 2010 that interested parties submit potential locations for consideration. Accordingly, I urge the Subcommittee to appropriate such sums as necessary to United States Marshals Service for their role in the establishment of the Lancaster Federal Courthouse.

Federal Bureau of Investigations:

Federal Bureau of Investigations: I urge the Subcommittee to provide the Administration's request of \$8.166 billion for fiscal year 2011 for the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), an increase of 4 percent over the fiscal year 2010 enacted level. I further urge the Subcommittee to ensure adequate funding for traditional law enforcement, such as an increase in resources to support additional FBI agents to investigate healthcare fraud, mortgage fraud and white collar crime as proposed in the Administration's fiscal year 2011 budget. Additionally, I support the full funding for the National Instant Criminal Check System (NICS), which houses public records that disqualify individuals from purchasing firearms and is administered by the FBI.

Federal Prison System:

Federal Bureau of Prisons: I urge the Subcommittee to provide the Administration's request of \$6.534 billion in fiscal year 2011 for the Bureau of Prisons' Salaries and Expenses account, which is an increase of \$448 million over fiscal year 2010. This level of funding will allow for an increase in the number of federal corrections officers at federal prisons. Adequate funding for

the Federal Bureau of Prisons is necessary to address staffing shortages that have put a strain on staff and inmates at facilities across the nation and to safeguard both staff and inmates from serious safety and health problems.

Office of Violence Against Women:

Violence Against Women Act: I urge the Subcommittee to provide the Administration's request of \$460.7 million for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) programs, an increase of 6.1 percent over the fiscal year 2010 enacted level. These funds provide much needed assistance to states, local units of government and other entities to develop and strengthen effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat sexual and domestic violence against women.

Office of Justice Programs:

Regional Information Sharing System: I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$65 million in fiscal year 2011 for this initiative, an increase of \$20 million over the fiscal year 2010 enacted level. The Regional Information Sharing System (RISS) maintains six regionally based information networks, including Middle Atlantic Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCEN) in Newtown, Pennsylvania. RISS connects law enforcement officers to a national, real-time communications system, thus avoiding duplication of resources and increasing their capacity to combat multi-jurisdictional criminal activity.

State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance:

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants: I urge the Subcommittee to provide increased funding in fiscal year 2011, above the fiscal year 2010 level of \$519 million, for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants program. This program has made it possible for local police departments to acquire a wide variety of programs and services, such as efficiency-enhancing technology and equipment to effectively combat violent crime and illegal drugs.

State Criminal Alien Assistance Program: I urge the Subcommittee to provide at least the fiscal year 2010 level of \$330 million in fiscal year 2011. This program reimburses states and localities for a portion of costs incurred for incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens. The State Criminal Alien Assistance Program was initially established because of the overriding principle that protecting the nation's borders from illegal immigration is the responsibility of the federal government. States and localities have no other option but to house these individuals, and, without necessary federal funding, this is essentially an unfunded mandate.

Drug Courts: I urge the Subcommittee to maintain funding for the Drug Courts Program, which was provided \$45 million in fiscal year 2010. These funds assist State and local governments in developing and implementing drug court programs for non-violent offenders. Drug courts are an

effective tool in breaking the cycle of substance abuse and crime, and will save large sums of funding that would otherwise have to be spent on incarceration.

Veterans Courts: Veterans Courts have been established in multiple jurisdictions around the country to accommodate for an increase of veterans returning from deployment overseas. The symptoms and subsequent behavior associated with combat bring many of these Veterans into contact with the criminal justice system. The chief goal of the Veterans Court program is to direct Veterans who have been charged with a crime into an intensely monitored network of support in order to reduce the likelihood that the individual will commit additional crimes. Accordingly, I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding necessary for the Department of Justice to support states and counties that plan to establish a Veterans Court.

Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act Programs: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act programs at \$20 million in fiscal year 2011, an \$8 million increase over fiscal year 2010. These programs provide grants to State and local governments for mental health courts, mental health and substance abuse treatment for incarcerated offenders, community re-entry services, and training of criminal justice, law enforcement, and mental health personnel.

Juvenile Justice Programs:

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program: The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant program helps state and local governments address juvenile delinquency by building new juvenile detention facilities, hiring additional judges and prosecutors and training law enforcement personnel. I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$60 million for this program in fiscal year 2011, an increase of \$5 million from the fiscal year 2010 enacted level.

Juvenile Mentoring: I urge the Subcommittee to provide at least \$100 million for the Juvenile Mentoring program, the amount provided in fiscal year 2010. This program enables communities to run high-quality mentoring programs. Mentors work one-on-one with youth who are at risk of educational failure, school dropout, and involvement in delinquent activities, including gangs and drugs.

Big Brothers Big Sisters: The Adam Walsh Act recognized the ability of youth mentoring to make a positive impact in the lives of at-risk children by authorizing the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to make grants to Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, which is headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for use in expanding capacity and serving youth. I request that the Subcommittee fund the program at its authorized level of \$15 million for fiscal year 2011.

Community Oriented Policing Services:

Community Oriented Policing Services: I urge the Subcommittee to provide at least the fiscal year 2010 funding level of \$792 million for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

program. This program provides grants to State and local law enforcement agencies to increase the number of officers interacting with the community and encourages the use of innovative crime prevention programs and law enforcement technologies. Additionally, I support the Administration's goal of increasing law enforcement personnel by 50,000. Supporting the hiring of police nationwide will help states and communities prevent the growth of crime during the economic downturn.

Prisoner Reentry Programs: I urge the Subcommittee to support the Administration's request level of \$100 million for prisoner reentry programs, including additional funding for programs authorized by the Second Chance Act. The Second Chance Act authorized \$50 million for Adult and Juvenile Offender State and Local Reentry Demonstration Projects to provide grants to states and local governments to coordinate reentry efforts, offer technical assistance and disseminate best practices efforts. Additionally, the Second Chance Act authorized \$15 million for Reentry Mentoring grants to allow community and faith-based groups to recruit, train and match returning inmates with mentors. Accordingly, I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding at the authorized level for these vital programs, which will support the safe transition of reformed offenders back into the community.

Crime Victims Fund:

Crime Victims Fund: The Crime Victims Fund, which is financed by criminal fines, forfeitures, and assessments, provides grants to organizations that offer critical services to victims of, among other crimes, domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse. As agencies rely on the Crime Victims Fund to operate vital programs, I urge the Subcommittee support the Administration's request of \$800 million in total funding for the Crime Victim Fund annually for fiscal year 2011.

Miscellaneous:

John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act: I was an original cosponsor of the John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act, which was included in the Higher Education Reauthorization Act that was signed into law on August 4, 2008. This legislation created a student loan repayment program to encourage law school graduates to commit to and remain in criminal justice careers as prosecutors and public defenders. Accordingly, as this student loan repayment program will promote public service and encourage retention of experienced lawyers, I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$25 million for this program in fiscal year 2011.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Science, Aeronautics, and Exploration:

National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program: I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$45.6 million in fiscal year 2011 for the National Space Grant College and Fellowship (Space

Grant) program. The Space Grant program provides educational and research experiences, as well as scholarships, for students in space, science and related fields. This funding will ensure that the Space Grant program will continue to promote strong science, mathematics and technology education to prepare young people for careers in aerospace science and technology.

Recipient: East Stroudsburg University

Location: 200 Prospect Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the East Stroudsburg University – Marine Science Consortium Student-Faculty Research Collaborative with NASA Goddard Wallops Flight Facility. East Stroudsburg University is a member of the Marine Science Consortium, an educational corporation comprised of regional universities that focuses on the sciences and promotes student development and faculty research in areas of interest to NASA. Through this initiative, East Stroudsburg University, the Marine Science Consortium, and the NASA Goddard Wallops Flight Facility will engage in a research collaborative to study cosmic rays, materials and computer science.

National Science Foundation (NSF)

National Science Foundation: I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$7.4 billion in fiscal year 2011 for the National Science Foundation (NSF). The NSF helps support non-biomedical technology and science research at universities and colleges. This will help drive the creation of jobs and industries of the future.

Related Agencies

Legal Services Corporation: I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$516.55 million in fiscal year 2011 for the Legal Services Corporation, which is a \$96.55 million increase over fiscal year 2010. This agency is a private, non-profit, federally funded corporation that provides grants to local offices which, in turn, provide legal assistance to low-income people in civil cases.